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Stated Meeting, October 16, 1863.

Present, seven members.

Prof. A. D. BACHE, in the Chair.

Letters acknowledging publications, were received from John S. Stevenson, Librarian of Congress, and Richard Kippist; from J. H. Cook, asking information; and from John Penington & Son, with a notice of new publications.

Donations for the Library were received from the British Association, Royal Geographical, Linnean, and Geological Societies of London, the Geological Society of Dublin, the Rev. S. Haughton, J. W. Dawson, of Montreal, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and Blanchard & Lea, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Peale laid before the Society several specimens of the *Geastrum hygrometricum*, both in the living and in the dried states, and described the growth and habits of the plant. He also exhibited minute cryptogams resembling bird's nests and eggs.

The following persons were then duly elected members of the Society.

Robert Briggs, Civil Engineer, of Philadelphia.

Joseph Lesley, Geologist, of Philadelphia.

And the Society was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, November 6, 1863.

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. Wood, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Briggs, Dr. Washburne, and Dr. Penrose, recently elected members, were introduced to the President, and took their seats.

Letters announcing donations to this Society were read

from the Royal Academy of Lisbon, July 18th; the Imperial Society of Naturalists at Moscow, June 1-13; the Natural Historical Union at Riga, April 3-15; and the Royal Danish Society, February 1st, 1863.

Letters acknowledging the receipt of publications were received from the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Dec. 1862, and March, 1863; the Imperial Observatory at Pulkowa, July 15th; the Royal Society, London, August 13th; the Society of Antiquaries, London, October 16th, 1863.

A letter was read from the Geological Society of Dublin, October 3d, asking to be supplied with missing numbers of the Transactions and Proceedings.

A letter was received from Dr. Renard of Moscow, requesting that the publications of this Society may be sent to the Public Museum of that city. On motion, the Librarian was instructed to place the Museum upon the list of corresponding Societies.

Donations for the Library were announced from Colonel Sir Henry James, the Royal Society at London, the Chemical Society, the British Meteorological Society, the Imperial Academy at St. Petersburg, the Central Observatory of Russia, the Physico-Oekonom. Society in Königsberg, the Royal Danish Society, the Imperial Society of Naturalists in Moscow, the Royal Academy at Lisbon, the Geological Institute at Vienna, the Royal Academy at Berlin, the Upper Lausatian Society at Görlitz, the Natural History Union at Riga, the Ecole des Mines, Professor Delesse of Paris, the Horticultural Society at Berlin, the Franklin Institute, Dr. F. Bache, J. W. Bouton, of New York, and Dr. Roerig.

And the Society was adjourned.